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COLLECTOR'S NOTICES.

Mr. C. S. Ayer, our Agent, is now calling
upon our subscribers in East and West
Maine counties.

Mr. J. W. Kellogg, our Agent, is now call-
ing upon our subscribers in Aroostook county.

At Guilford, the other day, Dr. Bailey
found thirteen cows diseased with tuber-
culosis, which were killed promptly.

It is a curious fact that all the men
whom Major McKinley has selected for
cabinet positions save Gen. Alger have a
"J" in their name: J. Sherman; J. L.
Gage; J. D. Long; J. McKenna; J. A.
Gardner; J. C. McCall; and J. H. Wilson.

One of the knotty problems for the
scientific man to settle is that, with the
greatly increased consumption of milk,
and the cows all afflicted with tuber-
culosis, the germs traveling into the human
system by the pail and quart, consumption
is on the decrease save among the poorer
classes where proper sanitary condi-
tions are not observed.

During the year 1896, fifty-three sailors
from the port of Gloucester, Mass., lost
their lives at sea. A great charitable
work rests upon the citizens of that
place, a work which they do most cheer-
fully and well. Eleven widows and
twenty-four orphans were left in their
charge last year, and each year the list
grows larger.

The Governor has appointed as new
members of his staff, Col. Isidore K. Ste-
vens, member of the present House from
Bangor, and Henry A. Wing of Lewiston,
the correspondent of the *Boston Herald*,
for central Maine. Mr. Wing has had a
successful experience on several of the
dailies of Maine. Both are excellent ap-
pointments.

The New York legislature is consider-
ing a bill prohibiting the cutting of ice
within 1000 feet of a sewer outlet, or
within the limits of any city or town
having more than 50,000 inhabitants.
People are beginning to learn that bac-
teria are not killed by being frozen in
ice, and that where impure ice is used
there is great danger of the spreading of
diseases.

In his able address before the legisla-
tive committee upon tuberculosis, Hon.
N. J. Bachelder declared that prevention
was more than all else, and that this
was largely to be found in airy, sunny
tie-ups. This so harmonizes with the
experience of medical authorities, that
the conclusions can hardly be questioned.
They find consumption decreasing under
better sanitary conditions, in sunny
homes well ventilated.

For its first Bulletin of the year the
Board of Agriculture has issued the ex-
cellent address on Bovine Tuberculosis,
delivered before the legislative commit-
tee on agriculture, at the State House,
Feb. 18, by Hon. N. J. Bachelder, Sec-
retary of the New Hampshire Board of
Cattle Commissioners. This address
should be read by every farmer in Maine.
If any of our readers have not yet re-
ceived it, they may procure it by sending
their names and address to B. Walker
McKee, Secretary, Augusta.

Plans for holding of the New England
Fair in Portland, next August, are still
being formulated by Manager Farnham
and his assistants. If the armory is se-
cured, an evening horse show will be
held, and very likely there will be even-
ing attractions at Rigby Park. It is
planned to dig a big pit in the bog, which
is inside the race course, in order to
make a beautiful water exhibit. This
would be a novel idea. An invitation to
attend will be given to President McKin-
ley and his cabinet.

According to late despatches the Arch-
bishop of the Roman Catholic church
announces that, in view of the terms of
settlement of the parochial school ques-
tion entered into between the Manitoba
and Dominion governments, he has found
it necessary to take immediate steps for
the reorganization of the Roman Catholic
school board, abolished by the Manitoba
school act, and to re-open parochial
schools in all districts. The schools are
to be maintained by voluntary subscrip-
tions levied on all the Roman Catholic
clergy and laity.

A syndicate consisting of Geo. E. Ma-
comber, John F. Hill of Augusta, Fred
E. Richards of Portland, and H. L. Shep-
herd of Rockport, have purchased the
plant of the Norway Electric Light Com-
pany at Norway. The above company
has been in existence for several years
and is now lighting the towns of Norway
and Paris, and also furnishes power for
the Norway and Paris street railway
and is supplying power for several fac-
tories. It is a water plant and is consid-
ered one of the best in the State. The
syndicate takes charge March 1.

Henry Clews, a financial and business
authority, sets forth in his weekly cir-
cular that "the improvement in general
business is well sustained in all the mar-
kets, and the tone is becoming steadily
more hopeful. The railroads are now
showing an increase of earnings, and
especially from merchandise and passen-
ger traffic; which is evidence of recovery
in trade at large. To my view, the gen-
eral position of the stock market is sound
and promising, and seems to afford a
safe basis for buying for compensating
profits. The opportunity for buying is
the more promising from the fact that,
next week, the country takes a new start
under new party leadership and under
policies which have been associated with
eras of the largest progress enjoyed in
the history of the country."

A FEW PLAIN QUESTIONS FOR PRES- IDENT HARRIS TO ANSWER.

The Maine Farmer championed the
Maine State College of Agriculture and
Mechanic Arts when such a course
brought criticism from nearly every
newspaper in the State. It has stood by
the institution from that day to the
present, aiding its growth, rejoicing in
its advancement. In the multiplication of
departments criticism has sometimes been
necessary, but so long as the fundamen-
tal purposes of the institution were kept
at the front, it has stood squarely by the
officials who have labored so earnestly to
promote the specialized work of the
college.

In the effort now being made to swing
away into the broader field indicated by
the proposed name—"University of
Maine"—the *Farmer*, for the first time,
takes issue with the faculty. No other
course is open. If the agricultural press
fails to defend agricultural interests who
will champion them? For the single
reason that the proposed change of
name will drop further from sight the
fact that this is in any sense an agri-
cultural college, and increase the in-
fluence drawing strongly to it towards
an university course, we object to the
change of name and purpose.

At the legislative committee hearing
last Wednesday, in advocating the new
name, President Harris is reported as
saying: "When graduates of the college
came in competition with the graduates
of universities of other States, they were
at a disadvantage on account of the name
of the institution. He cited a case where
a graduate had suffered because the idea
in other States was that this was an
agricultural college. He would correct
this impression, as this was not an agri-
cultural college in the strict sense of the
term. He wanted a more popular and
taking name."

Will Dr. Harris, through the columns
of the *Farmer*, answer the following
queries, thus settling himself right with
our readers?

1. What is your definition of a College
of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts?
2. In what way are your graduates of
1896 placed at a "disadvantage" with
those from other institutions?
3. Why correct the impression that
"this is not an agricultural college?"
4. Is the "more popular and taking
name" desired that it may strengthen
the agricultural department? If so,
please indicate in what way this may be
looked for?

5. Accepting the name of University
of Maine in place of "College of Agri-
culture and Mechanic Arts," will there
be any good reason for expecting a larger
per cent. to take the Agricultural Course
than at present?

6. There are in Maine about sixty
thousand farms, and while it can never
rank as an agricultural State, with those
in the West, will it pay to put forth a
greater influence to instruct the coming
generation in the "Why" as well as
"How" of advanced scientific and prac-
tical methods on the farm?

7. Does the assumption that educa-
tion necessarily draws away from the
farm strengthen or weaken a man's in-
fluence in leading graduates back to the
farm?

These questions all have vital connec-
tion with the life of the college, the
growth of the farm, and the education of
the farmer. They are not propounded to
perplex, but strengthen. It must be
that Pres. Harris has made statements
under pressure which should be quali-
fied, or else been incorrectly reported.
Our columns are open for a full reply.

Wedding Anniversary.

The friends and neighbors of Mr. and
Mrs. O. P. Robbins met at their home in
Riverside on Monday evening, Feb. 22d,
to celebrate the 32d anniversary of their
marriage. It was a most com-
plete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Robbins.
The party, upon arriving, were invited to
the dining room, where the table was
set for a most sumptuous and joyous
feast, of which all partook. During the
evening both vocal and instru-
mental music was rendered, and
speeches made, and a poem was read by
Mrs. O. P. Robbins. The poem was
written by her. The poem is given
below. A very social time was en-
joyed by all until a late hour.

To Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Robbins on the 32d Anniversary of Their Marriage.

With hearts of deep affection,
For your dear friends we come,
To share your joys and sorrows,
And to wish you both the best.
A score and twelve have passed,
Since you joined hands together,
To be faithful and true,
To the end of life's journey.

Who his life had perilled,
His country to defend,
Came home to claim his share,
With his life's blood on his hand.
For he who loved the cannon,
And stood mid host and shell,
Could bravely meet life's battles
With his life's blood on his hand.

Full of life and love and courage,
To meet the life of life,
To face the world's wars,
Than the battle's fiercest strife.

The path all smooth and level
Leads not to heights sublime;
For sympathy for others,
Than the battle's fiercest strife.

A life that knows no trials
Reaches not the highest plane;
For sympathy for others,
Comes from our own deep pain.

Property's bright sunlight
Has shed on you its rays;
For sympathy for others,
You looked for brighter days.

You knew the hand that led you
With tender loving care,
World place on you no burden
You had not loved to bear.

Round the hearth-fire that you kindled
With your own hands and heart,
Who lives with yours are woven,
Who fill your home with cheer.

You're grateful every morning
That they have not left the shore;
May His red and soft of comfort
Support you evermore.

And may you fear no evil
When you feel that each the shore;
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The *Winthrop Budget* says that a
large audience was present to listen to
the lecture by Hon. Joseph H. Manley,
and adds: "The address was one of the
most interesting given here for a long
time."

Moody, the Gospel Evangelist, and
Murphy, the Temperance Evangelist,
have closed their special meetings in
Boston. They have done a grand work
there for humanity.

THE INAUGURATION.

To-day (Thursday) William McKinley
of Ohio will be inaugurated President of
the United States. The most elaborate
preparations for the event have been
going forward for weeks. President
Cleveland has renovated the entire Ex-
ecutive Mansion, and will move at once,
after the ceremonies, to his new home in
Princeton, N. J.

Members of the new cabinet and high
governmental officials have been pouring
into the city from every quarter. The
decoration of the pension office, where
the great ball will come off, is
something elaborate. Over each of the
three divisions of the court, made by the
famous big pillars, large domes, studded
with hundreds of electric lights, have
been suspended. From these domes
radiate long stretches of muslin onto
the cornice on each side of the room. In
this way the entire roof of the pension
building is shut out of sight, and the
height of the vast room reduced fully
one-third.

The effect is marvelously beautiful.
There are 8700 ground glass incandes-
cent lights used in the room and 50 arc
lights. The 148 iron pillars supporting
the balconies of the court have been
jacketed with yellow and white challe,
and on each pillar are sixteen lights—"sixteen to one," as everybody about
the building has more or less said. The
drapings throughout the room are en-
tirely of yellow and white, another cir-
cumstance which brings out numerous
faint remarks on the bimetallic sig-
nificance of the decorations. At the
west end of the court, above the sec-
ond balcony, hangs a large national flag,
consisting of red, white and blue in-
candescent lights, which by a mechanical
contrivance gives the effect of the waving
of the genuine bunting. On the south
side of the court, above the band bal-
cony, is a set piece, with the names Mc-
Kinley and Hobart on streamers, and done
in electric lights, surmounted by a shield
of red, white and blue and the American
eagle. At the east end of the court is
perhaps the most pleasing feature of the
whole conception. A large balcony has
been constructed, reaching fifty feet out
into the court, to accommodate the or-
chestra. This has been beautifully
draped with yellow and white, and a
large, deep arch has been constructed en-
tirely of yellow and studded with elec-
tric lights. All these, with the flowers,
palms and potted plants, will form a
scene of transcendent beauty, far sur-
passing in artistic effect anything here-
tofore attained. In addition to this there
will be hung about the room hundreds of
candy birds in gold cases.

President-elect McKinley left Canton,
at 7 o'clock Monday evening, thousands of
his fellow citizens bidding him adieu, amid
showers of fireworks and illuminations,
and with the accompaniment of hearty
cheers. The people turned out, regard-
less of party, formed a procession, head-
ed by the Grand Army band, and escorted
the party to the special train of seven
cars in waiting. All along the route to
the depot, about a mile, the streets were
jammed with people, hundreds coming
from towns adjacent to bid the Major
goodbye. Cheer after cheer was given
as the President-elect and Mrs. McKin-
ley stepped upon the rear platform of
their car, the shouts and cheers of the
people again arose. Major McKinley
seated his wife just inside the door and
stepped upon the platform. The cheer-
ing was repeated but quickly ceased as
the President-elect raised his hand. He
made a short speech bidding his towns-
people good bye.

Washington was reached at about 11
o'clock, Tuesday forenoon, where a
joyous welcome was given the party. As
they were driven to their headquarters at
the Ebbitt House, cheering thousands
lined the streets. At the request of Maj.
McKinley there was no military display.

Soon after their arrival at the Ebbitt
house, Major and Mrs. McKinley were,
figuratively, snowed under by bits of
white pasteboard, but they received a
few intimate friends only.

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Cleveland. The inauguration ceremonies
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WAYSIDE NOTES—WISE AND OTHER WISE.

—Every man has his hobby. He may
not always know it himself, but some-
where in his mental make-up there is a
corner which hides a secret which he
thinks is exclusively his own, which
he would reveal to all in his force. But
he is mostly so situated that this most
valuable remains his secret, and it is often
well for the world that it is so.

—One of the funniest sights I ever
saw was a South Sea Islander with his
first chunk of ice," said the captain of a
trading schooner. "I was lying at an-
chor at one of the Navigator islands once
when some natives came aboard. It was
an awfully hot day, and I had just been
getting some ice up from below. The
natives looked at it curiously, and so I
handed one a chunk. The moment it
touched his hand he dropped it like a
hot shot and looked at his palms to see
if they were burned. After a deal of
jabbering they all sat around it and
watched it melt. They couldn't under-
stand it at all, and when there was no-
thing left but a wet spot on the deck they
sat around it and discussed the phenom-
enon. I put a piece of ice in my mouth
and then gave them some. They shifted
from hand to hand like a hot coal, but
the tips of their tongues on it gingerly,
and finally swallowed the chunk. It was
a source of great wonder to them.

—The New Dispensation.

"Give me a spoon of oil, ma,
And the solum alkali,
For I'm going to make a pie, mamma,
For John will be hungry and tired, ma.
So give me a gramme of phosphate,
And the carbon and cellulose.

And give me a chunk of caseln, ma,
To shorten the thermal fat,
And hand me the oxygen bottle, ma,
And if the electric oven's cold,
For I want to have supper ready
As soon as John comes home."

—From the cradle to the grave life is
one long constant trial. It cannot be
trifled with as a child plays with a toy,
and throws aside when it no longer af-
fords it pleasures. It cannot be treated
as a joke, or accepted as a mere fact. It
bears upon its face the stamp of great-
ness and the seal of divinity. Chances
and changes may affect its material
growth and lessen its opportunities, but
neither can destroy its reality. If it is
wasted, it means just that much actual
loss to its possessor. As it hurries along
its allotted course there are no opportu-
nities given to gather up the lost mo-
ments, no time for retracing a single
step, no hope of regaining the chances
which were once offered but now lie
buried in the past. If life is then so
stern a reality, should it not be spent in
making every minute count for good? In
taking advantage of every opportunity
offered for its improvement, and in mak-
ing some other life happier and better,
so that at its close the beaten track it
has pursued may not be strewn with
grave-diggers' tools, but marked all
along its course by the mile-stones of
good deeds, kind words, loving thoughts
and bright hopes.

—While preacher and teacher are ur-
ging the extension of the range of studies
in school, the addition of sewing, cook-
ing and needle work classes, why does
not the modern teacher, who does not
some old time foggy rise and suggest that
before a boy or girl can graduate, he, or
she, must be able to spell words of two
syllables. It may be this is a lost art,
something belonging to the primeval
conditions of our country, but it is a
shame that, under the cramming system
now in vogue, the fundamental studies
should be so sadly neglected. If the
superintendent be fed on airy notions,
floating flakes of well greased cookery,
it seems to demonstrate mental ability
of a high order, even though in the writ-
ten composition bread be written with-
out an "a" or gone with an "r."

—Foreign Apple Market.

Cable advices of this date from the
principal markets of Great Britain report
apple markets as decidedly lower in price,
although few heavy arrivals this week,
and well conditioned parcels did not
meet the decline that those that were
out of condition did. A great many
Baldwins showed considerable waste,
and for such prices realized were very
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said he, "to tell the truth, I called him
Macco because sometimes it's amazing
hard to tell whether he's dead

